

**Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 1~~ A high-pressure discharge lamp comprising:

an outer bulb in which a discharge vessel is arranged around a longitudinal axis,

the discharge vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space provided with an ionizable filling,

the discharge vessel having a first and a second mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough through which a first and a second leadthrough conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes arranged in the discharge space,

a lamp base of electrically insulating material supporting the discharge vessel via a first current supply conductor, having a weld with the first leadthrough conductor, and a second current supply conductor electrically connected to the second leadthrough conductor, forming a respective first and a second current path to the pair of electrodes,

the lamp base also supporting the outer bulb,

the outer bulb enclosing the first and second current supply conductors, and

the outer bulb being connected to the lamp base in a gas-tight manner,

wherein the first current path has leadthrough conductor includes:

a 1<sup>st</sup> section extending from the 1<sup>st</sup> leadthrough along the longitudinal axis towards the lamp base,

a 2<sup>nd</sup> section bended away extending effectively traverse transverse to the longitudinal axis, and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> section extending towards the first contact member.

3. (Currently amended) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 2, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first ~~current path~~leadthrough conductor comprises two U-bends.

4. (Previously presented) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 3, wherein each U-bend is lying in a mutual different plane.

5. (Previously presented) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 3, wherein the two U-bends are separated by an intermediate part.

6. (Previously presented) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 5, wherein the intermediate part is a straight part.

7. (Currently amended) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 2, wherein the weld of the 4<sup>st</sup>-first current supply conductor with the 4<sup>st</sup>-first leadthrough conductor is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the ~~1<sup>st</sup> current path~~first leadthrough conductor.

8. (Currently amended) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 4\_2, wherein the weld of the 4<sup>st</sup>-first current supply conductor with the 4<sup>st</sup>-first leadthrough conductor is a butt-weld.

9. (Previously presented) The high-pressure discharge lamp of claim 2, wherein the 1<sup>st</sup> section has a length of at least 1mm.

10. (New) A method including:

providing a base that includes a first current supply conductor and a second current supply conductor, the first current supply conductor extending substantially perpendicular to a surface of the base,

providing a discharge vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space provided with an ionizable filling, the discharge vessel having a first and a second mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough through which a first and a second leadthrough conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes arranged in the discharge space, the first leadthrough conductor including a plurality of bends that facilitate direct connection to the first current supply conductor,

welding the first leadthrough conductor to the first current supply conductor, electrically connecting the second leadthrough conductor to the second current supply conductor,

providing an outer bulb, and

connecting the outer bulb to the base such that the outer bulb encloses the discharge vessel.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the first leadthrough conductor includes:

a 1<sup>st</sup> section extending from the first leadthrough along a longitudinal axis towards the base,

a 2<sup>nd</sup> section bended away extending effectively traverse to the longitudinal axis, and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> section extending towards the first current supply conductor.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first leadthrough conductor includes two U-bends.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein each U-bend is lying in a mutual different plane.

14. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first leadthrough conductor includes a straight element between the two U-bends.

15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the weld of the first current supply conductor with the first leadthrough conductor is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the first leadthrough conductor .

16. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the weld of the first current supply conductor with the first leadthrough conductor is a butt-weld.

17. (New) A discharge bulb comprising:

a vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space provided with an ionizable filling, the discharge vessel having a first and a second mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough, and

a first and a second leadthrough conductor that extend, respectively, to a pair of electrodes arranged in the discharge space, the first leadthrough conductor being shaped with a plurality of bends that facilitate direct connection to a current supply conductor in a lamp base.

18. (New) The discharge bulb of claim 17, wherein the first leadthrough conductor includes:

a 1<sup>st</sup> section extending from the first leadthrough along a longitudinal axis of the discharge bulb,

a 2<sup>nd</sup> section bended away extending effectively traverse to the longitudinal axis, and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> section extending along the longitudinal axis.

19. (New) The discharge bulb of claim 18, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first leadthrough conductor includes two U-bends.

20. (New) The discharge bulb of claim 19, wherein each U-bend is lying in a mutual different plane.

21. (New) The discharge bulb of claim 19, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the first leadthrough conductor includes a straight element between the two U-bends.